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SOURCE

- The Transportation Section of the Soviet Concrus Commission issued an order in late February 1950 that 60 locomotives in the berlin railroad district be withdrawn from current operations, effective The explanation given was a within 24 hours. shortage of coal.
- A thorough overhaul of these locomotives was simultaneously ordered. Completion of repairs was to be reported without delay. No orders covering new use of the locomotives had been published by the beginning of April.

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Comment:

It cannot be determined whether the withdrawal of these locomotives is connected with the formation of a new locomotive reserve*, or whether it has something to do with the reported dispatch of empty trains beyond the ider-Weisse line**. The fact that the order was effective immediately partly substantiates the assumption that the masures were taken to propare for transportation operations to be expected on short notice.

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